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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE FIRST AUDITOR,

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The attention of Disbursing Officers is called to the following Section of the Revised Statutes:

“SEC. 3709. All purchases and contracts for supplies or services, in any of the Departments of the Government, except for personal services, shall be made by advertising a sufficient time previously for proposals respecting the same, when the public exigencies do not require the immediate delivery of the articles, or performance of the service. When immediate delivery or performance is required by the public exigency, the articles or service required may be procured by open purchase or contract, at the places and in the manner in which such articles are usually bought and sold, or such services engaged, between individuals.”

Hereafter no credit will be given or allowance made, in any account which shall be examined by this Office, for the purchase of any article or the payment for any service, except personal services, unless the voucher therefor is accompanied by a certificate, signed by an officer having knowledge of the facts, that advertisement was duly made for proposals therefor, and showing the date and mode of such advertising; or, unless such article was purchased or such service engaged in a case of public exigency requiring immediate delivery or performance, and the fact of such exigency be established by a certificate signed by the officer granting the authority therefor.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

JAMES Q. CHENOWETH,

First Auditor.

Approved:

M. J. DURHAM,
Comptroller.

Official:

*James Q. Chenoweth
Director of the Mint*